

Application Serial No. 10/718,184
Response to Office Action dated July 17, 2007
Amendment dated August 21, 2007

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 17, 2007. By this Amendment, claims 1, 3- 5, 9-19, 21, 22 and 24 -26 remain in this application.

Applicant acknowledges and appreciates that the subject matter of claims 15-18 and 26 is indicated allowable. In addition, claims 6, 7, 10 and 23 and 24 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. By this Amendment, claim 6 has now been incorporated into claim 1, along with intervening claim 2, and as such, claim 1 should now be allowable. As claim 1 is allowable, claims 4, 5, 7 and 9-14, should likewise be allowable, as these claims depend either directly or indirectly upon claim 1.

Likewise, the subject matter of claim 7 has now been incorporated into claim 3, and this claim has been rewritten in independent form and should now also be allowable.

Claim 10 has now also been amended to include the limitations of claim 8 and claim 1 from which it depends. This claim should likewise be allowable.

Finally, the limitations of claim 23 have been incorporated into independent claim 19, along with the limitations of intervening claim 20. As such, claim 19, and claims 21, 22 and 24 -26 which depend either directly or indirectly thereon, should now also be allowable.

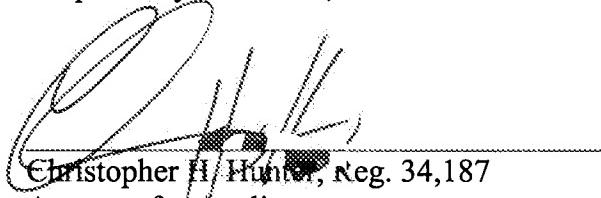
The drawings and subject matter objected to from the Amendment of May 14, 2007 has been removed from the application. This objection may now be withdrawn.

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Applicant respectfully disagrees with the reasons for rejecting the claims over the cited art, however, Applicant is taking the above actions to facilitate the allowance of this application. Applicant preserves the right in its discretion to pursue further applications.

Otherwise, Applicant respectfully represents that this application should now be in condition for allowance and prompt notice to that effect is respectfully requested. Should there by any outstanding requirements, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,



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